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GRIM DETAILS OF TAIPO TUNNEL LANDSLIDE TRAGEDY REVEALED: FORTY BODIES NOT RECOVERED

Leisurely Methods In Clearance Work

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

THE STARK DETAILS OF A GRAVE TRAGEDY, resulting in the death of no less than fifty Chinese labourers four weeks ago and which has caused disruption of traffic on the railway which runs into the New Territories ever since, are now made public for the first time through investigations carried out by the Hongkong Daily Press.

It will be recalled that during the heavy rainfall on August 2, a landslide occurred at the entrance to the railway tunnel near Taipo, burying four Chinese, who were unfortunately walking along the line at the time.

THE ACCIDENT WAS DULY REPORTED and with the announcement that the bodies had been recovered, the matter was soon forgotten.

The public, however, has up to date been unaware of the fact that a few days later, while a gang of over 100 Chinese coolies were clearing the debris, a second and much bigger slide occurred, which buried no less than fifty of their number. Although this occurred three weeks ago, only a few of the bodies have been recovered to date and it is believed that at least forty corpses are still lying beneath the mass of earth and rock that completely blocks the entrance to the tunnel.

LAX SUPERVISION

While the cause of this second catastrophe suggests that the work of clearing was badly handled and lacked expert supervision, the official view is that the peculiar nature of the strata in this vicinity was at fault.

Even if this latter explanation is correct, it is difficult to understand why no proper precautions were taken to prevent a third and equally heavy slide which occurred only a week ago, fortunately

French Envoy Expected In Chungking

SHANGHAI, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—M. Henri Cosme, the French Ambassador to China, is expected to leave Shanghai for Chungking in the middle of September, says the Sinwanpan.

During his stay in Indo-China, M. Cosme will discuss the situation in the Colony with Vice-Admiral Decoux, the newly appointed Governor.

AXIS POWERS' INTERVENTION ACCEPTED

ROME, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—A message from Bucharest states that the Hungarian Crown Council, which met last night, has accepted, by a majority vote, the intervention of the Axis Powers in the Transylvanian dispute.

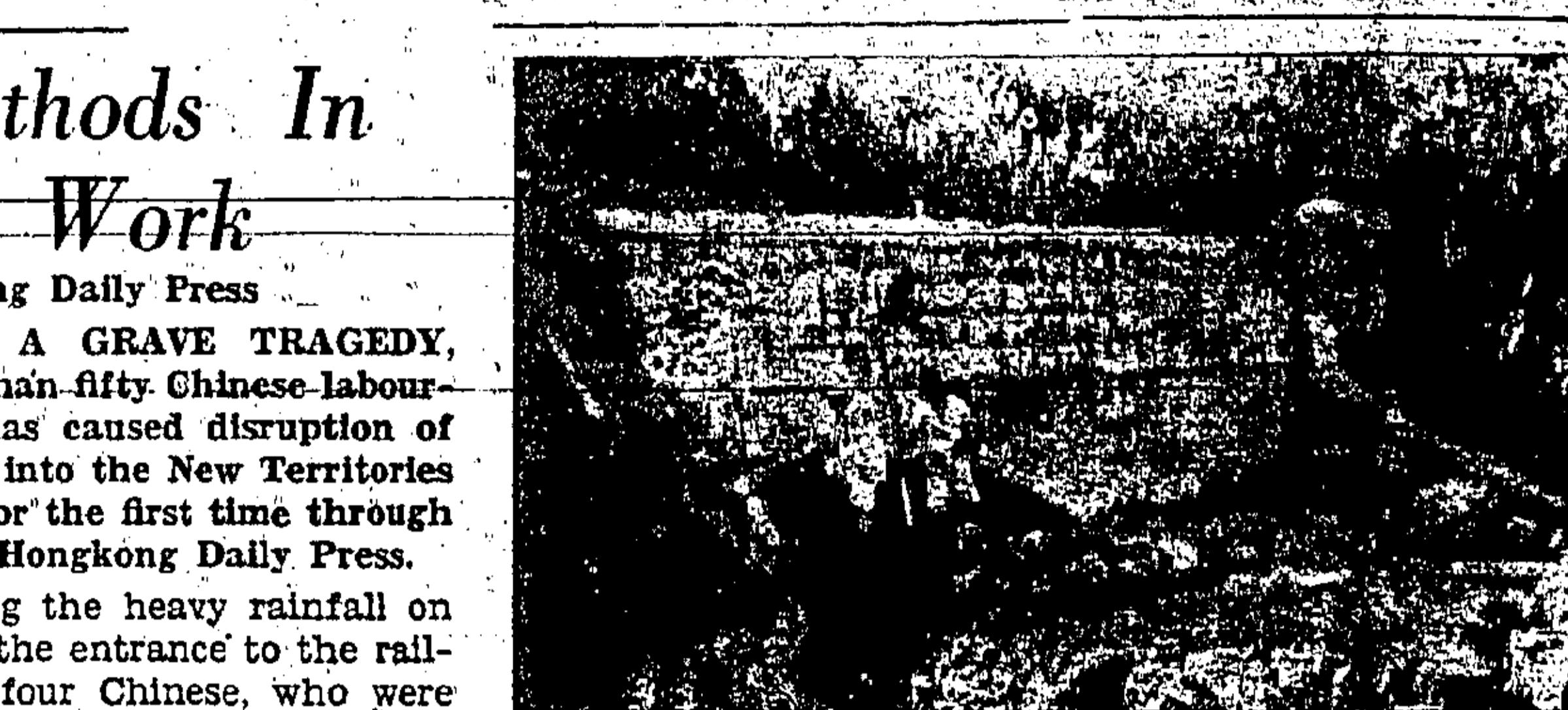
The Council will meet again today.

INSPECTION TOUR OF HUNAN

SHANGHAI, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—Mr. Tan Kan-kee, Chairman of the China Relief Association in Singapore, has left Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, with his party to continue on an inspection tour of the Hunan province yesterday.

VALETTA BOMBED

CAIRO, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—Italian planes attempted to raid Malta and dropped bombs on Valletta, but the damage was slight and only a few casualties were reported.



This picture gives a good idea of the magnitude of the slide. It will be seen that the entrance to the tunnel is almost entirely blocked, leaving a space of about a mere foot on top.

Expected Italian Attack On Egypt Delayed By British Forces' Tactics

LONDON, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—MILITARY CIRCLES IN LONDON BELIEVE THAT THE PINPRICKING TACTICS OF THE BRITISH FORCES and the hard slogging of the Navy have delayed, but not caused abandonment, of the expected Italian attack on Egypt.

The Italians have been concentrated for some time about Bardia over the Libyan frontier and about a month ago appeared to be ready for advance. They have not, however, moved more troops from Italy into Libya.

German troops could indeed be transported there to participate in attack though, there are no news of such being done.

At the same time the British navy whose problems have been increased by the loss of the French Fleet and bases have been most enterprising in this region.

The limiting factor in the Italian campaign would be the question of supply with emphasis on the problem of water.

The Italians have proved good organisers of back areas in the Abyssinian—and in a lesser degree—and Somaliland campaigns, but their transports are liable to interruption.

WHOLE OF WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA ARE NOW WITH ALLIES

"THE FIRST NECESSITY FOR HERR HITLER is to get the Battle of Britain out of the way. This is why, I think, he will go on hitting us until he finds that the task of destroying us is beyond his power."

"As Mr. Winston Churchill said last week, we are still toiling up the hill of victory. I think we are now out of the morass at the bottom of that hill. That morass, however, was not the slough of despond. We are moving steadily upwards."

"Next Tuesday we shall enter the second year of the war for freedom and I firmly believe that this time next year there will be a very heartening tale to tell."

These words formed part of the talk on "World Affairs" by Mr. Wickham Steed, the distinguished English journalist, broadcast from Daventry last night.

Mr. Steed said that this week the second phase in the Battle of Britain had been going on and might not yet be finished. Britain's eminent gunners won the first round of that battle handily.

"ALL IN THE FIGHT" Now, in the second round, they were all in the fight and he had noticed this week among the people the same kind of feeling that had prevailed during the last war. Now that they were in London in the midst of the Battle of Britain they found it difficult to see as a whole and, therefore, they did not realise how important the whole was.

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ALL INDO-CHINA PORTS CLOSED: INCREASING JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES REPORTED IN SOUTH CHINA WATERS

Further Chinese Military Border Preparations

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In the meantime it also reports that there is fresh Japanese military activity in South China and a further large influx to Indo-China of Japanese "tourists" who, it is asserted, are actually picked soldiers, the newspapers announce.

CARGOBOAT TORPEDOED IN ATLANTIC

LONDON, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—Eighteen members of the British cargo boat which was torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic has arrived in a Scottish port today, after being rescued by an Irish ship.

They have been in the water for 33 hours in a life boat which had to be baled continuously owing to a leakage as the result of machine gunning.

They learned on landing that another 18 members of the crew had been safely landed in an Irish port.

FATSHAN CASE SETTLED

The Colonial Secretary's Office has forwarded the following communiqué:

Agreement was amicably reached today (Aug. 30) in regard to the Fatshan question, following conversations between the Japanese and British Consuls-General.

S. S. Fatshan will sail for Hongkong Monday morning Sept. 2.

Future Developments Of United Imperial Action Will Be At Delhi Talks

LONDON, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—The DAILY TELEGRAPH in an editorial says that in less than a year the Dominions have created armies and air forces of their own for the defence of the Empire.

Future developments of united imperial action will come from the meeting in October of the conference on war supplies at Delhi with representatives of India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and East Africa of a round Council Board.

In the western hemisphere, Canada's splendid effort gains strength from week to week. Nazism and Fascism challenged a formidable power when they attacked a worldwide empire founded on freedom and justice.

Shelters must be made more comfortable and warmer as we spend more hours in them. Sleep will have to be found in other times of the day.

We shall soon be at home in the new and straightened way of life, for, as people, we can make and do better than most and we have a dogged temper that can overcome petty trials with humour and fortitude.

If the assault against our nerves are defeated night raiders' effectiveness can be judged only on their military damage which has hitherto been negligible.

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The numbers participating in the campaign will be regulated by a supply problem.

The only feature in the Sudan is the patrolling activity. Italians are reported to be bringing up reinforcements but the present weather will prevent anything but small raids. There is a possibility that the troops and tanks used in Somaliland may be moved against Kenya, but this will take some time.

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U.S. FAVOURED IN INTERNATIONAL TILT AGAINST PORTUGAL

Navy Should Win Charity Game With Local Leaguers

BY R.O.Y.

IN AN EFFORT TO PUSH THROUGH the local baseball schedule, special arrangements have been made to allow the U.S.S. Asheville players to represent the U.S.A. in today's International Series Final against Portugal at 3 p.m., with the proceeds going to the War Fund. Another Charity Cup match will constitute the card for tomorrow, starting at 10:30 a.m. and with the series deadlocked at a win apiece, the U.S. Navy-Hongkong Baseball League struggle for the third leg should be well worth the 50-cent admission.

TODAY'S INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP decider has, of course, been brought forward from next week, for the reason that the Portugal squad would not be able to turn out until the third week in September, owing to volunteer duties, if the match were not played this week.

Despite the all-round strength of Portugal, they are likely to be troubled by the change of hurler and I feel that the Yanks should start on the short end of the odds.

Jimmy Deegan and Hans Waggoner are the only two local players that will be seen in Uncle Sam's line-up, the former probably being stationed at the Windy Alley with the latter in the right garden where he was stationed when he pulled an amazing unassisted double killing last week against China.

"Dodge" Wood and "Doc" Molthen will call the plays for the Stars and Stripes who will have speed-king Joe Harvey on the mound hurling to Tony Groverne.

Judging from the way he handled himself last week, Dusty Rhodes would perhaps be the man to switch to the first station. Japer Williamson is a fixture at the middle cushion, as is Sonny Sondag at the Hot Corner. The other two gardeners will likely be Flash Gordon and Apple Hurst while Levy, Porky Broods, Haun Balcerak and Sabo will stand by for emergency duty.

PORTUGAL'S SQUAD

Maestro Henry Barros will start Spotty Pereira with the hurling assignment supported by Al Alvaro behind the plate for Portugal. Nick Beltrao at the initial sack, Tony Alves at the Keystone, A. V. Gossano at third and George Souza at short will form an infield that will give the Portuguese pitching staff all the support possible.

Picket-men will be selected from the four Gossano brothers, Eddie, Gerry, Zinho and Bertie, Caco Marques and Fats Mendonca.

Although the Portuguese outfit beat the Asheville squad last week, the latter were on that occasion experimenting with their players and did not have their ace hurler Joe Harvey on the hillock.

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

2 Army rank

7 Headstrong

8 Flag flower

9 Seems

10 Outlet

12 At that time

15 Poetry

18 Carpenters

19 Italian composer

20 Din

21 Well done!

22 Lift

23 Of stale odour

24 Fish

29 Lazily

31 Single letter

32 Time

33 Similar

34 Comes out

DOWN

1 Possess

2 Talk

3 Falling

4 Approaches

5 A record

6 A tree

10 Fluent

11 Girl's game

13 Hastened

14 Artlessly

15 Poison

16 Destroys

17 Each one

24 John

25 Article

27 Famous school

28 Father

29 Evils

30 Sheet of water

SOLUTION TOMORROW

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ACROSS: 4, Arsenal; 8, Repairs; 9, Springs; 13, Wander; 17, Neat; 18, Erist; 19, Mobs; 20, Ills; 21, Egerton; 22, Slur; 23, Alps; 24, Voter; 25, Axe; 27, Sweets; 31, Eyesore; 34, Mornin; 35, Nephews.

DOWN: 1, Brow; 2, Open; 3, Fine; 4, Ass; 5, Sir; 6, Nine; 7, Last; 10, Poitiers; 11, Intimate; 12, Gallipot; 14, Apoplexy; 15, De-serves; 16, Reporter; 25, Aeon; 26, Leap; 28, Wire; 29, Exit; 30, Sage; 32, Ode; 33, Ems.

SPORTS & GENERAL

Oxford Blue Killed In Action

Rugby football is paying its toll in the war and the game has lost a fine player in Paul Cooke, the old Oxford Blue, just killed in action.

Cooke was a second lieutenant in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. After all-round success at St. Edwards School, Oxford, in Rugger, cricket, hockey, boxing and athletics he joined the "Varsity" and played twice against Cambridge in 1938 and 1937.

It was not until the season before the war that Cooke gained international distinction. He then played against Wales and Ireland at Fort Worth.

Dean now is pitching for Tulsa, trying a new side-arm delivery which he hopes will return him to the majors.

Hornsby, now manager of the Oklahoma City team, was picked to manage the Northern Division all-star nine.

FANS PICK DEAN, HORNSBY

Two fading veterans, Dizzy Dean and Rogers Hornsby, have stepped from the shadows into baseball's fickle centre-light.

Fans of the Texas League, who knew Ol' Diz as their prize bush leaguer a decade ago and the Rajah as one of the hardest hitters of all times, placed them at the top of balloting for the circuit's all-star game to be played at Fort Worth.

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U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—Brooklyn Dodgers, strong contenders in the National League, suffered a severe blow to their pennant hopes, when Lavagetto their star was suddenly operated for a dangerous appendix.

The following are the results of League baseball matches played yesterday:

AMERICAN

	R. H. E.
St. Louis	3 10 1
New York	10 11 0
Detroit	3 9 1
(Greenburg homered)	
Washington	2 9 1
St. Louis	5 9 1
(Judnich and McQuinn homered)	
New York	6 13 1
(Dimaggio homered)	

Thirteen innings were played. Chicago 3 9 0 Boston 4 11 0 Detroit 6 6 1 (Newson pitched and Greenberg homered).

Washington 0 4 2 This match was called at the sixth innings owing to darkness. A doubleheader between Cleveland and Philadelphia was postponed.

NATIONAL

	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	0 9 0
Pittsburgh	4 8 1
(More homered)	
New York	0 2 0
St. Louis	5 8 0
(McGee pitched)	
Boston	3 9 0
Chicago	1 5 1
Brooklyn	3 7 0
Cincinnati	9 12 0
(Mewick homered)	
Lombardi & Myers homered	

BLIND RIDE BEATS CYCLE RECORD

To Miss Marguerite Wilson goes the honour of breaking the first road cycle record under war-time conditions.

She rode from London to Birmingham in 5hr. 44min. 17sec., bettering Miss T. M. Biggs' 1937 record of 5hr. 51min. by more than six minutes.

The ride was anything but easy, for Miss Wilson was riding "blind" — a stranger to the road, with not a signpost, not a milestone anywhere on the route to guide her.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BASEBALL—In aid of S. C. M. Post War Fund. International Series-Final: Portugal v. United States (Caroline Hill), 2:30 p.m.

GOLF—Kowloon Golf Club four ball match, President v. Captain.

LAWN BOWLS—First Division: H.K. Football Club v. Recreio "A"; Craigenhower v. Kowloon Docks.

Indian R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Recreio "B" v. Civil Service.

Second Division: Kowloon C.C. v. Craigenhower, Hongkong C.C. v. Tai Koo, Kowloon Football C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Recreio v. Kowloon Tong; Civil Service v. Police R.C. Third Division: Hongkong C.C. v. Electric; Craigenhower v. Prison Officer's Club.

MEETING—Annual, of Kowloon Golf Club and Prize Distribution, Kowloon City, 8 p.m.

SWIMMING—Royal Scots Annual Swimming Gala, Army Pool, Victoria Barracks, 8 p.m. South China A.A. Gala (North Point), 7:30 p.m.

R. H. K. GOLF CLUB

Valley Championship Tomorrow

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for the Championship of Happy Valley tomorrow are as follows:

a.m.

8:55 G. W. Sewell; J. Linaker.

9:00 H. Smith; E. Greenwood.

9:05 W. S. Hillier; A. J. Dennis.

9:10 T. B. Low; R. K. Collins.

9:15 A. V. Greaves; J. W. May-

new.

9:20 A. McKellar; L. R. Andrewes.

9:25 K. S. Robertson; H. H. Mundy.

9:30 A. E. Lissaman; F. Groves.

9:35 G. E. Willerton; J. W. Mac-

donald.

9:40 W. V. Ahern; F. C. Barry.

9:45 R. Simpson; M. L. Reidy.

9:50 J. Bowman; D. Humphries.

9:55 T. J. Price; G. W. Reeve.

10:00 A. D. Humphries; F. A. Red-

mond.

10:05 W. A. Stewart; T. Low.

10:10 W. W. C. Shewan; D. S. Ed-

ward.

FANLING TIMES

The starting times for Fanling

tomorrow are as follows:—

GOLD COURSE

a.m.

9:00 E. T. McMullen; R. C. Gard-

ner.

10:00 P. M. Cotton; H. M. Row-

land.

10:04 B. O. Baldwin; H. M. Row-

land.

10:04 E. T. Harrington; G. G.

Aitkenhead.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2.

Old Course.

a.m.

10:00 P. M. Cotton; W. Harper.

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"LONDON LOG" AND OTHER
LONDON RELAYS
Variety Programmes12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
cession.

12.30 Sam Browne with Nat Gonella

and his Georgians.

Foxtrots—I'm Feeling like a Million;
Caravan — Nat Gonella's Georgians;
Rhythm in my Nursery Rhymes; The
Star and the Rose — Sam Browne with
the Rhythm Sisters' Foxtrot — Let us
be Sweethearts over Again. Quick-
step — The Gypsy in my Soul — Nat
Gonella's Georgians. A little bit In-
dependent; Gypsy Violin — Sam
Browne. Foxtrot — Twilight in Turkey —
Nat Gonella's Georgians.1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather
Report.1.03 Rawicz and Landauer (Two
Planes).Nola (Arndt); Parade of the Tin
soldiers (Jessey). Lisez in Rhythms;
Chopinetta.1.15 Leslie Jeffries' Orchestra.
Springtime Serenade (Heykens);
The Balkan Princess—Valse (Rubens);
Le Cygne (Saint Saens); Everson
(Easthope-Martin); Dearest Love
(Coward).1.30 Renter and Rugby Press, Weather
Report and Announcements.

1.45 New Variety.

Dancing Fingers—Polka (Gerlich);
The Woodpecker Song (Lazarro) —
Will Glahe's Orch. The Moon and the
Willow Tree (Burke); Too Romantic
(Monaco); Dorothy Lamour, Milen-
burg Joys—Foxtrot—Tommy Dorsey
and his Orch. Haven't I seen you be-
fore (King); A Lady in Waiting
(Park); Florence Desmond, Horne
the Bosun—Band of H.M. Royal
Marines.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Beethoven—Pathétique" Sonata—
W. Kempff (Piano).6.18 Beethoven—Quartet Op. 18 No. 1—
The Calvet Quartet.

6.50 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.52 Light Orchestral Concert with
Soloists.Take, O, Take Those Lips Away;
Hey Ho, The Wind and the Rain; Go,
Loverly Rose (Quilter)—Hubert Eisfeld
(Tenor). Sanctuary of the Heart;
Hells across the Meadows (Ketelbey);
Concert Orchestra, The Doll's Song
(from Tales of Hoffman)—Miliza Kor-
jus. With a Russian Gypsy Orchestra
(Jelmdin); Two Guitars (Trudi);
Alfredo and his Orchestra. One Day
when we were Young; There'll Come
a Time (The Great Waltz) — Miliza
Korjus. Pavane (Gould); Toy Trumpet
(Scott) — Boston Promenade Or-
chestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Weather
Report.

8.03 Variety.

Jill Pinson—Polka; Tiroly—Java

La Accordeonists Deprince and Orches-
tra. Passione Romana (Michello); LaRomania (Michello)—Enzo Fusco—
Tenor with Orch.8.15 London Relay—Home De-
fenders—A Play by L. du Garde Peach,
and produced by Howard Rose.

8.45 London Log—Herbert Hodge.

9.00 London Relay—The News and
Topical Talks.

9.45 Gershwin—Rhapsody in Blue

—Boston Orchestra.

10.00 Selections from Light Operas.

Planquette—Overture to Les Cloches

de Corneille—Vienna Symphony Or-
chestra. Benedict—Lily of Kilgarney

—Vocal Gems—Light opera Orchestra

—On Wings of Song; Memories told by

Frances Clare, and sung by Joan Cross

and Henry Wendorf. "Heart's Desire"

—Vocal Gems — Webster Booth

(Tenor).

10.30 A Programme of Dance Music

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GENERAL

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

31—Tides: High 7.03 a.m. and 8.37
p.m. Low 12.43 a.m. and 2.21 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.41 p.m.
Final Date for Payment of Property
Tax.H.M. Queen Wilhelmina's Birthday
— Reception by Acting Consul-General
for the Netherlands, 9.30 p.m.Kowloon Golf Club Annual Meeting
and Prize Distribution, 6 p.m.; Four-
Ball Match, President's Team v Captain's Team.Royal Scots Annual Swimming
Gala, Army Pool, Victoria Barracks,
8 p.m.

Lawn Bowls League.

Baseball International Series, Caro-
line Hill, 2.30 p.m.

SEPT.

1—Tides: High 8 a.m. and 9.08
p.m. Low 1.38 a.m. and 2.53 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.40 p.m.H.K. Golf Club: Captain's Cup, at
Happy Valley.

Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Journalists Assn.

Aquatic Sports Meeting, Chinese Bath-
ing Club, North Point, 2.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls League.

Baseball International Series, Caro-
line Hill, 2.30 p.m.2—Tides: High 8.52 a.m. and 9.44
p.m. Low 2.29 a.m. and 3.35 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.06 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.

Bank Holiday.

Government Trade School Courses
re-open.Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.3—Tides: High 9.45 a.m. and 10.22
p.m. Low 3.17 a.m. and 4.10 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.07 a.m.; Sunset: 6.39 p.m.

Anniversary of Declaration of War.

Claims against estate of Angelina

Pattenden due.

Diocesan Boys' School re-opens.

Diocesan Girls' School: Entrance

Examination for new pupils, 9 a.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1

p.m.—Speaker: Mr. J. L. Daley "Shows

from an Old Magazine" (Sound

Presentation).

Maryknoll Convent School, New

Students Registrations.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

4—Tides: High 10.37 a.m. and

10.58 p.m. Low 4.06 a.m. and 4.46 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.07 a.m.; Sunset: 6.38 p.m.

Claims against estate of Harriet

Dabelstein due.

Auxiliary Nursing Service, Lecture

on Home Nursing, Kowloon Hospital

(M.-Z.).

Maryknoll Convent School, New

Students Registrations.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

5—Tides: High 11.28 a.m. and

11.39 p.m. Low 4.56 a.m. and 5.20 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.07 a.m.; Sunset: 6.37 p.m.

Entries close for Macao Races.

French Convent School: Entrance

Examinations for new pupils, 9 a.m.

Auxiliary Nursing Service, Lecture

on Home Nursing, Kowloon Hospital

(M.-Z.).

H.K. Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1

p.m.—Speaker: Mr. J. L. Daley "Shows

from an Old Magazine" (Sound

Presentation).

Diocesan Girls' School re-opens.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Roxlyn House Girls' School, Kow-
loon Tong, re-opens.10—Tides: High 3.21 a.m. and 6.07
p.m. Low 11.08 a.m. and 8.54 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.08 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

National Day of Prayer.

Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

9—Tides: High 2.09 a.m. and 4.23
p.m. Low 9.32 a.m. and 7.42 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.08 a.m.; Sunset: 6.32 p.m.

French Convent School and Universi-
ty Hostel new term re-opens, 8.30

a.m.

NO DISCUSSION OF AT VIENNA CONFAB

Further Incidents On Romano-Soviet Border: Reservists Called Up

BERLIN, Aug. 30 (REUTER) — THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN HERRE VON RIBBENTROP, GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER, COUNT CIANO, ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, AND THE HUNGARIAN AND RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS BEGAN AT VIENNA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The Official German news agency states that following a meeting between the German and Italian Ministers and the Rumanian delegation the talks were adjourned till today when the programme will be mainly devoted to "formal, receptions and personal contacts."

There was no direct discussion of the problem for which the meeting had been called. Both delegations have been given numerous fresh standpoints for consideration by the German and Italian Foreign Ministers.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in London writes that the preliminary meeting between Count Ciano and Herr Von Ribbentrop on Wednesday suggests that the Axis are agreed upon the "advice" which Hungary and Rumania will be expected to follow in the dispute over Transylvania.

In general, it may be assumed that Germany has been more favourable to the claims of Rumania and Italy to those of Hungary. The fact that Hitler personally took a hand in the preliminary talks at Salzburg with Count Ciano makes it pretty certain that the balance has been tilted in favour of Rumania.

The Hungarians will probably have to forego a good deal of their claims while Rumania will be let off more lightly than would be the case if Germany had not sponsored her cause.

Germany is obviously very concerned about her supplies of petrol and raw materials from Rumania. Any conflict that would hold up deliveries, therefore, would be very undesirable and to be avoided at all costs.

There is little doubt that neither Hungary nor Rumania would prove refractory.

SOVIET ASSURANCES
BUCHAREST, Aug. 30 (REUTER) — M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Minister to Moscow, it is reliably reported, was received by M. Molotov and given certain assurances concerning Soviet-Rumanian relations.

Meanwhile, further incidents are reported to have occurred on the Rumanian-Soviet frontier. A Rumanian plane was alleged to have been brought down by three Soviet machines off Bardia, 20 miles on the Rumanian side of the border.

The general feeling, however, is that there will be no further trouble on this frontier for the time being.

It is confirmed that all Rumanian officers and troops on leave have been recalled and reservists called up.

A report that the Rumanian town of Jassy has been occupied by Soviet troops is categorically denied.

Appeal Against Ruthless Japanese Bombings

The voice of China's literati has cried out to the world against the senseless, deliberate massacres of human lives by Japanese bombings of civilian centers.

In an appeal addressed to Alexander Tolstoi, of Soviet Russia, Romain Rolland, of France, H.G. Wells, of England, Tagore, of India, and Theodore Dreiser, of America, the National Federation of Chinese Writers declared that the bestial conduct of the Japanese militarists only marked them as the number-one enemy of humanity.

"Fires," said the appeal, "have since August 19 been lighting up our skies in Chungking, fires that were caused by incendiaries reducing our prosperous, bustling sections to heaps of debris. Universities and cultural institutions have been bombed without distinction, and streets are jammed with homeless people."

The appeal urged the addressed writers to inform their fellow-craftsmen throughout the world of the wantonness of these Japanese bombings. "We want the whole world to know," concluded the appeal, "that China has gained a new life in the fire of baptism, and her will to fight for national independence can never be shaken. These massacres from the sky only cause more human sufferings that will have no bearing on the outcome of the war."

NO UNDERHAND
The broadcasters are resolved

PROBLEM

POWDER FACTORY EXPLOSION

BERLIN, Aug. 30 (REUTER) — The Official German news agency reports that there was an explosion in a powder factory six miles from Bologna, Italy. Over 100 persons were injured and many others killed.

TEN KILLED

ROME, Aug. 30 (REUTER) — Ten are reported to have been killed and a number injured in the Bologna powder factory explosion. Several buildings caught fire and the injured were promptly evacuated.

Australian Shipbuilding

LONDON, Aug. 30 (REUTER) — The Sydney Radio states that plans for increasing the production of warships and merchant ships are being put into effect by Australia.

It is stated that there are sufficient men, slips and berths available for a large shipbuilding programme and arrangements have been made for continuous work in the yards to complete the British Admiralty orders.

ITALY'S PLANS FOR DISRUPTED BY NAVAL, AIR BOMBARDMENTS

ITALIANS IN UNENVIALE POSITION IN ABYSSINIA

CAIRO, Aug. 30 (REUTER) — The harrying tactics of British land forces in the Western Desert during the first weeks of the war with Italy in order to keep the enemy inside Libya now appear to have had a more far-reaching effect than was at first anticipated.

The British Army's tactics lately have been adopted by the Navy with such success that Italian plans for an offensive, indicated by troop concentrations in Bardia, have been seriously disrupted.

The only protection for these concentrations from the guns of British warships lies in dispersal since the habitable coast belt is very narrow and the Italians cannot move southward into the desert without enormous cost and long preparation.

Whereas Italian raids on Alexandria and in the Western Desert are diminishing the R.A.F. continues to pound enemy depots and harbours.

The apparent alternatives for Italy in North Africa are

Firstly, to stake everything on an attack on the Nile Delta in an effort to release Abyssinia from the British stranglehold;

Secondly, continue the present attitude with a view to maintaining large British forces in the Western Desert, and;

Thirdly, nurse war material with a view to being able eventually to bargain for a satisfactory armistice.

The second course seems to be the most likely but it remains to be seen how far the enemy is able to bear the strain of constant naval and aerial bombardments.

INTERNAL TROUBLE

Reuter's military correspondent writes that British interference with the Libya-Abyssinia air service renders Abyssinia still further cut off from the outside world.

The position of the Italians in Abyssinia, amounting to one whole division and about 12 native brigades, is an unenviable one for internal troubles have been frequent enough to require active suppression.

In the strategical sense the Italians have not strengthened their hold on Abyssinia by the occupation of British Somaliland. Indeed, they have weakened it because communications with Harar, whence the Italian invasion of British Somaliland was launched, are now lengthy and vulnerable while the occupation of the coast between Zella and Berber is valueless without sea power.

In Abyssinia there is only sufficient supplies of petrol, ammunition and bombs for a limited period and these have been greatly depleted by the Somaliland invasion.

Any hopes that the Italians might have had of supplementing their supplies by air via Kuará, in Libya, are now effectively countered by the Royal Air Force.

INEFFECTIVE RAIDS

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 30 (REUTER) — Although the Italians have made several bombing raids here, Egyptian civilians, who had evacuated the city are now flocking back impressed by the ineffectiveness of the enemy's efforts.

A communiqué issued from Cairo states that all fronts were quiet yesterday.

that there shall be no underhanded broadcast; no breeding of dissension by radio.

Extra precautions are being taken, according to inquiry among the broadcasters, to check the qualifications of persons and organizations that apply to go on the air.

Americanism, "public interest, convenience and necessity" more than ever become the watchwords of broadcasting in the United States, and on the shortwave that beam fanfare to the Americas.

As one broadcaster reported, "every word is being carefully steered these days." It becomes imperative that scripts be submitted in advance.

GENERAL

WORKERS UNPERTURBED BY RAIDERS

SENTIMENT SHARED BY WOMEN

LONDON, August 30 (REUTER) — "In hell with them. Let us get on with the job," seems to be the general slogan of British factory workers engaged in war work in their reaction to the air raids.

Enquiries among many quarters and reports from factories throughout the country show how strong the feeling is.

Factory inspectors and other Ministry of Labour officials report finding this to be the general sentiment among the workers, notably among those engaged in night shifts who, though specially concerned with night raids, show special keenness to carry on after the alarm had sounded.

In many cases the workers themselves made formal representations to be allowed to continue work during raids.

The feeling is widely shared by women workers. A typical case occurred on Monday night when a large number of girls who had been sent to the shelters clattered to be allowed to come back and get on with the job.

21 RAIDERS IN A DAY!

R.A.F. OFFICERS AWARDED D.F.C.

LONDON, August 30 (REUTER) — Pilot Officer James Eric Storrar whose squadron destroyed 21 enemy aircraft in one day has, with five other officers, been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry in flying operations.

Storrar himself shot down two and has altogether a personal "bag" of eight enemy planes.

Sergeant Eric Knowles was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal and has carried out over 500 hours of operational flying since the war began and has been engaged with the enemy on numerous occasions.

NEW AUSTRALIAN REGULATION

CANBERRA, August 30 (REUTER) — A regulation has been gazetted prohibiting the importation of British banknotes into Australia. Incoming passengers will, however, be permitted to bring in British banknotes not exceeding £10.

Residents in Australia have been given until September 5 to cash notes held within the country. Full exchange value will be given for such notes as are negotiable under this regulation.

JAPANESE CALL IT MILITARY OBJECTIVE

Although they have heard much about the bombings of Chungking, the people of Pishan had never experienced Japanese aerial destruction until August 2 when 27 enemy planes dropped 250 bombs in this peaceful town, killing and wounded 100 civilians besides setting fire to many houses.

Pishan is the centre of an Institute of Rural Research and Training established by the National Council for Rural Reconstruction, and the Mass Education Movement. Of the \$200,000 budget for the institute, \$200,000 comes from the Rockefeller Foundation which subsidizes the construction in its activities.

For several months in the past, the people in Pishan had often heard the droning of planes passing over them at a high altitude. They got so used to it that they paid little attention to them.

For they trusted that Pishan, a small, insignificant town among hundreds of others in Free China, would be of no interest to the Japanese airmen in their mission of death and destruction. "The Japs won't come and get us 'cause we aren't important," the townfolks used to say to each other.

But lately something had gone the air defense intelligence officer wrong in this little town. Many in Pishan warned the people that

people had been whispering that six batches of Japanese planes were invading Szechuan Province. Street actually saw strange, dark shadows with his own eyes.

While returning home late one night from the country, then a certain Mr. Chang near the North Gate said that a sentinel on night duty shot at some suspicious object moving swiftly in the darkness. The bullet wounded two people sleeping on a bridge nearby. The sentinel was jailed.

Many people took these stories seriously, while others just laughed at them. So when the ancient temple bells gave an air raid alarm at noon on August 2, a number of people took them as foreboding about their own security and fled to the country. The majority of the townfolks, however, chose to remain in their homes, hoping that the Japanese bombs would spare an undefended town having no military objective whatever.

CULTURAL TOWN

Pishan is a cultural town with a number of middle schools and vocational institutes evacuated from Chungking. It is designated

by the Chinese government as an evacuation center for Chungking's superfluous population. The majority is a graduate of the Central Political Institute which is famous for training political

NORTH KIANGSU FLOOD

RAILWAY TRAFFIC DISRUPTED

SOMEWHERE IN N. KIANGSU, Aug. 30 (Central) — A large area embracing five important counties in northern Kiangsu, estimated at 20,000 sq. kilometres, is now under water as flood threatens to engulf other districts along the Lunghai Railway.

The flood has been caused by the torrential downrush of mountain freshets and dyke breaches along the Shu River in southern Shantung. Large sections of the Lunghai Railway roadbed have been washed away, disrupting traffic.

The flooded area now includes Pishan, Hsuehien, Hsiaochow, Shuyang, Kwanyun and the surrounding villages of Hsuehchow.



WORST MAN

"Got the ring safely?"

"The ring? Oh. Wait a minute. Ring. Here it is. No. Confound it. Where is it? Could have sworn it was in this pocket."

"You will find it nestled coily in the bottom right-hand waistcoat pocket."

"Rose? Oh yes. For the bridesmaids. I thought you said they were to be carnations."

"Rose's Lime Juice, blockhead! Prevents hangovers. Therapeutic action. I wish I'd rammed a quart of it down your silly throat. Next time I get married, Peter, remember—stick to gin and Rose's the night before."

"Oh, are you? I mean yes—if course. Fact is, old boy, I'm in a rather weak state. That celebrating...

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NEW AUSTRALIAN APPOINTMENT

MELBOURNE, August 30 (REUTER) — The Cabinet has appointed Major-General Vernon Sturdee as Chief of the General Staff in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Brudenell White, who was killed in an air crash on August 13.

New Chinese Consul For France

INTERVIEW IN MANILA

Although Chungking hopes that the French Indo-China and the Burma roads will be reopened in October, closure of these two roads will not affect China's determination to resist Japan to the end, according to T. F. Yuan, new Chinese consul general in Paris, who is a Manila visitor. He is accompanied by his wife and their young son, reports the Manila Bulletin.

CHINA'S RESOURCES

"With the two roads closed," Mr. Yuan said, "China can carry on the fight indefinitely. We base our confidence on the fact that the Red Army, almost bottled up in the interior, successfully carried out campaigns against the Japanese for months. We must consider the fact that China is a country of unlimited resources and vast man power."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT
Mr. YUEN is in Manila for a visit of a few days only as he will take an early steamer for Europe. He plans to go to Paris where the Chinese consulate-general is located, then he will go to Vichy to present his credentials. He was formerly an expert on foreign affairs attached to the Chinese legation in Paris.

CROWN LAND SALE

Five Lots Sold At Upset Prices

Seven lots of Crown Land were put up for public auction at the District Office South yesterday morning, and all were sold. Five lots were sold at the upset prices while the other two realized higher prices.

Following is the full result of the sale:—

Lot 1587 located at Yung Shu Wan, Lammea Island, 1,200 sq. feet, sold to Mr. Wong Kam for an upset price of \$12 per square foot.

Lot 3303 located at Kau Pa Kang, 3,000 square feet sold to Mr. Yau Fuk at \$82 per sq. ft. Upset price \$80.

Lots 594 and 595 at Mu Wo 1, 290 and 61 acres respectively sold to Mr. Tsai Chih Cheung, for \$28 per sq. ft. and \$60 per acre respectively.

Lot 3304 at Kau Pa Kang, 1,11 acres sold to Mr. Yau Fuk at \$17 per acre. Upset price \$90 per acre.

Lot 286 Lai Muk Shu, 1.75 acres sold to Mr. Tsang Shui Yau for upset price of \$153 per acre.

Lot 355 at Ha Fa Shan, 40 acres sold to Mr. Lau Ching Kwei at \$34 per acre.

LOCAL ESTATES

Local estates to the value of \$8,100 were left by the late Mr. John Brown, otherwise known as Mr. John Coghill Brown, boller-maker, who died at the War Memorial Nursing Home, Hongkong, on June 15, 1940.

Petition by Mr. M. M. Watson, law attorney, for grant of Letters of Administration with the will annexed of the estates, was granted.

MARINE COURT HEARING

Four women and a man were each fined \$10 or in default ten days' imprisonment by Comdr. G. F. Hole at the Marine Court yesterday when they were charged with anchoring their boats at a distance of less than 100 yards from Low Water Mark near Wilmot Street, in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The women were Lo Kwei, 20, Chau Sam, 30, Chan Ng, 46, and Lai Yung, 20, and charged with them on the same count was Fan Lam, 30, steersman, from Canton.

Defendants pleaded guilty and were sentenced as stated. Chan Ng was the only defendant able to pay the fine.

POLICE FROWNS ON TSE FA LOTTERY

MANY CONVICTIONS AT MAGISTRACY

That the Police are determined to stamp out the tse fa lottery, which has become very popular both among the rich and poor classes of Chinese, is evident by the many raids carried out by the Police in the past month or so on tse fa lottery schools.

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday four such cases of keeping a common gaming house for the purpose of tse fa lottery were heard by the Magistrate and, in all cases, the defendants were convicted and heavy fines imposed.

Wong Keung-chi, 20, and Hung Tsuen, 32, were fined \$50 and \$30, respectively, for keeping No. 104, Lockhart Road as a common gaming house.

Table money amounting to \$7.25 was ordered to be put into the Poor Box.

SEVEN OTHERS FINED

A fine of \$30 was imposed on Leung Shu-tsuen, 22, for using No. 1, Luen Fat Street as a common gaming house. Second defendant, Pei Ying, 40, who had a previous conviction, was fined \$50. Table money picked up amounted to \$4.44.

Charged with a similar offence at No. 33, Amoy Street, ground floor, Leung Chui, 34, Yau Mo, 40, and Ng Yin, 39, were each fined \$30. Money picked up amounted to \$5.94.

A fine of \$30 was imposed on Man Tong, 24, and Tseng Luk, 22, for keeping No. 2, Tat Lung Lane, ground floor for the purpose of tse fa lottery. Money picked up was \$3.30.

AIRPORT NEWS

TWO PASSENGERS TO LEAVE TOMORROW

Imperial Airways inward service, which was expected to arrive in Hongkong yesterday, has been delayed again and is now due to arrive this afternoon.

Outward services by Imperial Airways by the Delphinus (Capt. A. B. Dykes and F/O J. A. Samuels), are scheduled to leave Kai Tak tomorrow noon, taking mails for United Kingdom and Indo-China, Malaya, Java and Australia.

Two passengers are booked to leave by air tomorrow—Miss Valerie Lyne for Rangoon and Mr. Doshi for Calcutta.

Another outward service is due to leave Kai Tak on Wednesday morning.

CLIPPER DELAYED AGAIN

Pan American Airways China Clipper has been further delayed and is now due in Hongkong tomorrow afternoon, bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Aug. 20. She will take off on her return flight on Monday morning.

The California Clipper is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on Tuesday afternoon and will leave on her return trip to San Francisco via Manila the following morning.

B. W. O. F.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT SENT HOME

The British War Organisation Fund Hongkong Branch, announces that a shipment of seven cases of Hospital Supplies and Knitted Comforts has been forwarded to England this week by courtesy of the P. & O. Line.

The cases forwarded are as follows: Three cases of Hospital Supplies to the British Red Cross, England; Two cases of Knitted Comforts to the Army Comforts Fund, England; One case of Knitted Comforts to the Royal Naval Comforts Depot, England. The total shipments to date number 163 cases.

B.F.R.D.C. GRANTS

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China Hongkong and South China Branch have approved the following grants:

For Medical Relief Centres in North Kwangtung and Kiangsu, H.K. \$10,000.

For three training centres for refugees and dependents of soldiers in Kwangsi, H.K. \$10,000.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

RE-HEARING APPLICATION

An application for re-hearing of a previous application for the forfeiture of an unmanifested cargo—a bar of gold allegedly to have been illegally imported into the Colony on or about June 15—was brought before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday.

The application, which was brought by Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit, was granted by Mr. Sheldon.

Mr. Silva said that the prosecution had in the previous hearing not adduced any evidence that the bar of gold had been imported into the Colony by ship and therefore, it could not be unmanifested.

He was appearing for the father of the deceased person concerned and, if necessary, he would adduce evidence to show that the deceased person had come to Hongkong by land and not by ship.

The application was granted and hearing was fixed for noon on Thursday, Sept. 5.

TRAFFIC SUMMONS

Remarking that the Police had much too much to do to have their instructions and authority ignored by smart young persons, Mr. Sheldon imposed a fine of \$50 on Wong Tak-sum yesterday.

Wong was summoned for sounding his horn in a silent zone, D'Aguilar Street, on August 15.

Traffic Insp. Clarke said that defendant sounded his horn four times and was stopped by a Chinese constable who told defendant that he would be summoned if he sounded his horn again in the silent zone.

Wong then drove off but came back again in about five minutes and sounded his horn four or five times.

Summoned for sounding his horn unnecessarily in Ice House Street on Aug. 16 Chan Yui was fined \$10.

Defendant, who was heard by a constable, was asked why he sounded his horn when there were no pedestrians or vehicles in the way. Whilst the constable was talking to him the defendant again sounded his horn.

COOK IN TROUBLE

Lau Kam-chiu, 18, cook boy, was remanded 24 hours by Mr. Sheldon yesterday in order that he may raise \$5 to pay complainant as compensation.

Lau was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm with a chopper on Ho Ngau, sailor, on board an H. M. ship at Royal Naval Dockyard.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley said that the defendant and complainant had a quarrel over a loan of 40 cents which was made to defendant by the complainant.

Complainant had only recently come out of hospital.

Defendant received \$6 wages per month. Sgt. Bentley added that defendant will be dismissed from employment.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

Summoned for driving car No. 237 in a dangerous manner at Stanley Village Road, Siu Chi was fined \$25 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Siu pleaded guilty through a representative who said the defendant was at work, being engaged by the military authorities.

Traffic Inspector Clarke said that it was a very bad case of dangerous driving and asked the Magistrate to take a serious view of the case.

SUPREME COURT WEDDING

The wedding took place at the Supreme Court yesterday between Pte. Alfred Taylor, of the R.A.M.C., and Miss Elizabeth Anatol Boroff, residing at No. 13, Hillwood Road, Kowloon. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage was announced yesterday between Dr. Chang Hsiang-cha, residing at No. 2, Bonham Road, and Miss Yung Mu-yun, music teacher, residing at No. 24, Kai Tak Bund, Kowloon City.

STOLE IRON WHEELS!

Two months' hard labour was imposed on Tong Yui, 24, unemployed, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday when he was convicted on a charge of stealing two iron wheels on August 29 from a vacant plot of ground, opposite the Military Godowns, Monmouth Path, near Johnston Road.

For Medical Relief Centres in North Kwangtung and Kiangsu, H.K. \$10,000.

A cheque for \$20,000 has accordingly been sent to the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China for these purposes.

AT KOWLOON

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY

Seven men, Chan Sing, Wong Ping-kwan, Lau Ping-po, Leung Ki, Leung Shu-cheung, Li Shuk-kai and Chan Yau-chi, appeared before Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen yesterday on a charge of armed robbery.

Armed with three revolvers and a knife the first five defendants were alleged to have broken into No. 344, Ma Tau Wai Road and carried away \$150 Hongkong currency, \$40 Chinese currency, one jade brooch, one gold chain, one table clock, two ear-rings and one platinum wrist watch belonging to Hung Hon-ming and also \$100 Hongkong currency from Leung Cheuk-pun, on March 9.

The second and fifth defendants, together with the sixth defendant were additionally charged with intent to rob while armed. Fung Kin-sang, on August 13.

The seventh defendant was charged with armed robbery between the period June 1 to August 10.

The fifth defendant was further charged with possession of an automatic pistol and rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Mr. M.A. da Silva appeared for the first defendant, Mr. Peter Sin for the fourth and fifth defendants and Mr. C.A.S. Russ for the seventh defendant.

All defendants were remanded for one week.

ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL

Hearing was fixed for September 11 and 12 at 2.30 pm when Ma Yuk Flu, 31, Wong Kin Fat, 27, Tai San Wah, 29, and Li Fun, 36, were charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday with receiving stolen property, namely 631 chickens and 110 pigs.

The property was obtained through an alleged armed robbery at Ping Shan, outside of the Colony.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo will appear for the first defendant. \$1,000 bail was granted to the defendant.

HEAVY FINE FOR CHINESE

Stole Petrol From Military Truck

Suen Lo, 27, lorry driver, who was charged with stealing 3½ gallons of petrol at Ventris Road on August 29 from United Delivery lorry No. 2099, property of the military authorities, was fined \$100 or, in default, two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge and said that he only took the petrol to put into another lorry which was also employed by the military.

Capt. Mould, of the R.A.S.C., said two lorries were employed for delivery work on a monthly basis and petrol was supplied by the military authorities.

On Wednesday defendant was issued with four gallons of petrol. On Thursday defendant was detailed to take rations to Stanley and back to the R.A.S.C. Barracks and was issued with 104 gallons.

ROAD BLOCKED

J. A. Bendall, of the P.W.D., said at 9.20 am, he left his house at Ventris Road for the Garage. He found the road was blocked by lorry No. 2099. He was going to ask the driver to remove the lorry when he detected the smell of petrol.

He then saw a drum on the ground and a tube connecting the drum to the tank in the lorry. When defendant saw him approaching defendant jumped out and pulled the tube back into the lorry. He became suspicious and, after showing defendant his Police Reserve pass, asked him to accompany him to the Police station.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley appeared for the prosecution.

STOLE IRON WHEELS!

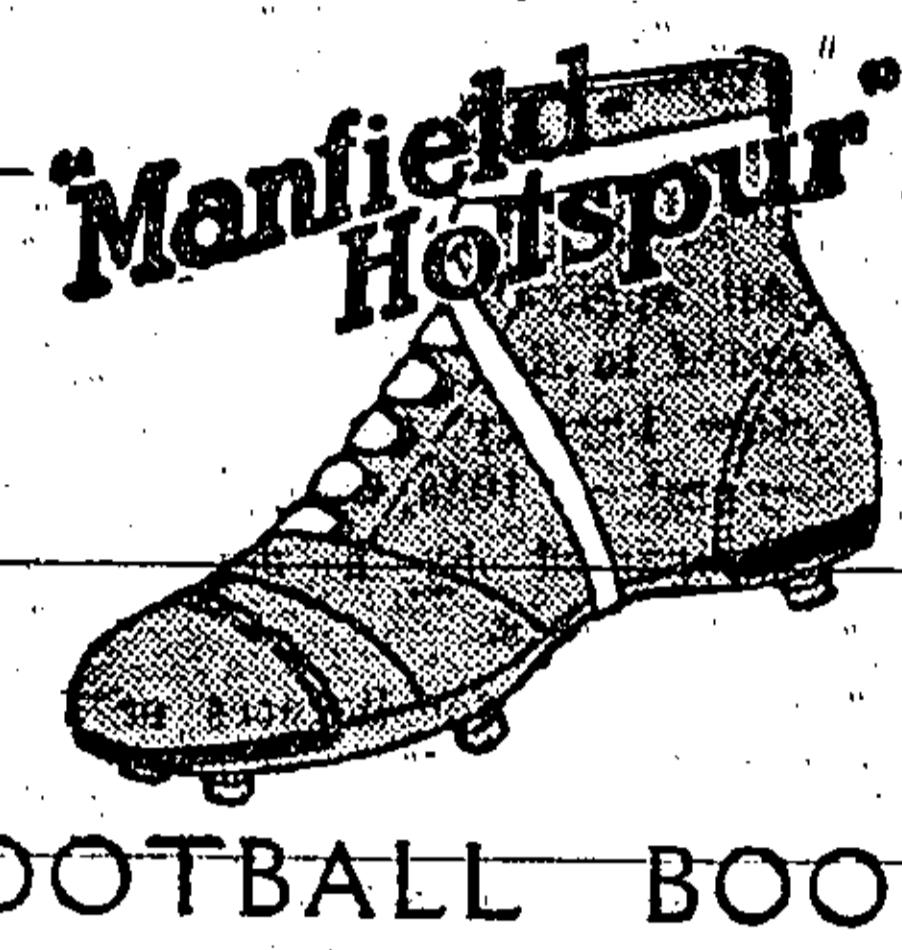
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The accused, Sung Shek, 30, Chan Sang, 30, and Ng Hing, 37, are alleged to have, with others not in custody, robbed Ng Cho Leung, of H.K. \$15 and \$15 Chinese currency, armed with revolvers.

Det.-Sub-Ins. W.N. Darkin will appear for the prosecution.

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EDITORIAL

R. A. O. CORPS
DINNERTalk On Aviation
IllustratedThe Royal Army Ordnance Corps
monthly dinner, held at the Gloucester
Hotel yesterday, was most
enjoyable.Mr. Owen F. Johnson, of Pan
American Airways, spoke on
"Aviation Journey from San Fran-
cisco to Hongkong" which was
illustrated by an entertaining
sound film.Among the guests and visitors
present were: Mr. K. M. A.
Barnett, Mr. S. Harris, of the
Green Island Cement Co., Mr. N.
Dunville, R.A.C., Mr. T. Skinner,
R.A.C., Mr. E. Fluter, R.A., Mr.
F. Hayes, Master Artificer,
R.A.C. Depot, Mr. Thomas
R.A.C., Mr. Newall, H.K.S.R.A.,
Mr. D. Eager, Civilian Staff,
R.A.C., Mr. F. S. Austin, A.C.,
Capt. R. E. Haughton, Mr. H. H.
McKechnie, Artificer, H.K.S.R.A.,
Mr. C. R. Ashman, A.C., Mr. A. J.
Peaker, Mr. H. Cook and Mr. C. F.
Wilson. Some 20 members were
also present.Mr. Johnson said that five years
ago it was crazy to think of hop-
ping from San Francisco to Hon-
olulu but the plan of crossing the
Pacific had been finally accom-
plished.The film showed picturesque
Honolulu, the half-deserted Mid-
way Island, the paradise-like
Wake Island, Guam, Manila,
Macao and Hongkong.NAZI APOLOGIES
TO EIREDUBLIN, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—It is
officially announced that the Ger-
man Foreign Office has informed
the Irish Charge d'Affaires in Ber-
lin that investigations concerning
the bombing of the vessel Kerry
head on Aug. 1 showed that the
aircraft involved was a German
and the Foreign Office has ex-
pressed their sincere regret.will precipitate a conflict in
the Far East. As long as
Japan is guided by better
judgment and curbs the
despotic aspirations of her
militarists, she will have
nothing to fear from the
united Anglo-American de-
fensive front.IN TRYING to arrive at a
reason which has promoted
this fear of a threat against
Japan, it is easy to see that
the Japanese mind is governed
by their own ideas of
what constitutes national ex-
istence in the world today.
Like their Nazi and Fascist
friends, they are obsessed
with dreams of conquest and
domination—for the creation
of a mighty empire, built on
foundations of ruthlessness
and terror, from which a des-
potic rule might be imposed
on cowed and down-trodden
millions. This dream of
power, and yet more power,
began with the conquest of
Manchuria and has been car-
ried with utter abandon
through North China and
round to the South of that
vast country. With thismental picture of conquest
by force ever before them,
the Japanese see in every ac-
tion taken by others to de-
fend the rights of civilisation
and liberty-loving people, a
threat against themselves
and any such move is at once
quoted as "justification" for
further planned aggression.
The argument is unreason-
able and unsound and the
Japanese people, who have
been enduring a great many
hardships as a result of the
totally unprofitable campaign
which their militarists have
undertaken against China,
should take steps to prevent
their military leaders from
engaging in any further com-
mitments which would, now
that the opposition to such
moves has been so much
strengthened, cause a serious
deterioration of their national
status in the eyes of the
world and have severe reper-
cussions on their futureMajor-General A. F. Keith Sim-
mons, until recently Commander
of the British troops in North
China, arrived in the Colony yester-
day, accompanied by his staff
on a British liner. Major-General
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during the Arab trouble. He suc-
ceeded his brother-in-law, Major-
General A. P. D. Tolson-Smelett, at
Shanghai.The British liner evacuating the
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There were 175 women and chil-
dren on board, among them a
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nese and Japanese women.The Acting Consul-General for
the Netherlands and Mrs. D. G.
E. Middelburg will hold a recep-
tion in honour of the birthday of
Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina
of the Netherlands tomorrow
(Saturday), at 9.30 p.m., at their
residence—652, The Peak.GERMANY HAS DECIDED TO KEEP
JAPAN OUT OF INDO-CHINA
SAYS MME. TABOISLONDON, Aug. 25.—We learn here that events now taking
place in Japan, including the recall of major diplomats abroad,
are the result of arrangements made between French Foreign
Minister Paul Baudouin and Germany in regards to Indo-China,
writes Madame Genevieve Tabouis, former editor of *L'Œuvre* of
Paris, and now in voluntary exile in England.Dr. Eugene Ott, the German Ambassador to Tokyo, stated to
officials there that the reluctance shown by the Japanese govern-
ment to carry out her promises for collaboration with Hitler at
the time of his major battle in Europe was responsible for Ger-
many's decision to separate Japan finally and completely from
French Indo-China.In reality, Hitler and the Japanese
had never actually agreed upon
any specific plan of collaboration
between the two countries. But
during the six weeks preceding
the launching of the blitzkrieg upon
England, Dr. Ott had time and
again visited the Japanese minister
of foreign affairs.

THE PLAN

The idea was for Japan to
vigorously attack English, French
and particularly American posses-
sions in the extreme part of the
Orient at the precise moment when
Hitler was battling England.It had been especially stressed
that Japan was to make an attempt
at, or at least stimulate, a
reconciliation with Moscow. Thus
the United States would be very
busy in the Pacific. Europe would
be somewhat neglected and Great
Britain would not be in a position
to concentrate all her forces in her
homeland.

JAPAN'S REWARD

It was understood at the time
that Japan's reward for such ac-
tivity would be Germany's approval
of Japan's installation in Indo-
China.But it is true that Japan, in
spite of the efforts of the German
ambassador, did not keep her promises
to Berlin. Her attempts at
the crucial time of the blitzkrieg
were very weak. And yet we feel
that even if Japan had fulfilled
her promise, Dr. Ott's statement
to Tokyo officials the other even-
ing would have been the same.

TERRITORIAL GUARANTEES

Baudouin, who is president of
the Bank of Indo-China, had obtained
territorial guarantees in re-
gards to Indo-China territory being
coveted by Japan from the
Germans. Of course, in order to
obtain this guarantee, he was
promised all the fun of the Fair.
In addition to the fete, it was
decided the concert will be given at
St. Andrew's Church Hall, by
kind permission of the Vicar, on
Friday, Oct. 4, when it is hoped to
acquire the services for the occa-
sion of the best local amateur
talent.On Friday, Nov. 1, a dance will
be held in the Rose Room of the
Peninsula Hotel, proceeds from
which will also go towards the
Church funds.It is hoped also to arrange a
number of bridge and mahjongg
drives. The first of these, ar-
rangements for which have been
taken over by the Guild of Martha
and Mary, will be held at the
Vicarage on Friday, Sept. 13 from
8.30 p.m.Therefore, we cannot say that
Mr. Baudouin saved Indo-China.

But since Germany's victory be-

comes more uncertain every day, it
was possibly saved for the future.

PRO-GERMAN PARTY

So now the Japanese reactions to
Dr. Ott's statement are obvious
and easily comprehended. The
pro-German party in Japan, whichis supported by the militarists and
admirals, revolted against the so-
called liberal regime of Prince
Konoye.They accused him of being re-
sponsible for anti-German policies
in the eastern Orient—in particular
for the loss of Indo-China. This
country had been coveted by Japan
for the past 50 years.This is why the Japanese govern-
ment asked for the resignation of
the Bank of Indo-China, which had
remained liberal to a great degree
and assembled the famous meeting of political parties
in Japan with the aim of agreeing
upon a new Fascist-Nazi setup.Fifth Column
Probe In
PhilippinesThe Philippines department of
Public Instruction has started its
investigation of "Fifth Column" ac-
tivities in educational institutions
in accordance with a decision
reached by the members of the
cabinet, reports the Manila
Bulletin.This came as a result of a warning
sound by Major Joseph K.
Evans, of the military intelligence
staff, U. S. Army. Some of the
schools and universities are sup-
porting fifth column propagandists.Secretary Jorge C. Bocobo of the
department of public instruction
refused to comment on the probe
when interviewed. Undersecretary
of Public Instruction Gabriel
Manalac, who has direct charge of
private schools and universities
and in charge of the investigation,
limited himself to saying that he
had started the probe but would
not mention the institutions con-
cerned.1,000 JAPANESE
KILLEDBLOODY FIGHT FOR
STRATEGIC PASSLOYANG, Aug. 29 (Central)—
More than 1,000 Japanese were
slain during the recent fighting at
Nangtzeckwan, strategic pass on
the Hoep-Shan border, which
has been recaptured by the Chinese
according to latest reports received.Fourteen Japanese, the reports
added, were taken prisoner and four
Japanese mountain guns, 22
machine-guns, and 300 rifles were
seized.The Mohotan bridge on the
Chenghai Railway west of Nang-
tzeckwan was completely destroyed.Enteric Fever, one case;
Measles, one case; Cerebro-Spinal
Fever, one case; Dysentery, six
cases; Tuberculosis, 34 cases (one
imported).

NEWSSETTES

His Excellency the Acting Governor,
Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., as Chancellor,
will hold a meeting of the Council
of the University of Hongkong, on
Friday next, Sept. 6, at 5.15 p.m., in
the Legislative Council Chamber.Miss R. L. Smith, daughter of the
Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, of No. 297,
The Peak, has reported to the
police that about 2.45 a.m. yester-
day some person entered her bed-
room and stole a gold wrist watch.Mr. Su Hsi-hsun, member of the
Kwangsi Provincial Government
without portfolio, was appointed
to succeed Mr. Lei as Kwangsi
Commissioner of Education.The death occurred on August
21, at Shanghai, of Mrs. E. Moran,
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ceeded his brother-in-law, Major-
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Shanghai.The following is the Return of
notifiable diseases notified as having
occurred in the Colony during
the 24 hours ended at midnight
on August 29. Cholera, nine
cases; Enteric Fever, one case;
Measles, one case; Cerebro-Spinal
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cases; Tuberculosis, 34 cases (one
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LONDONERS ENJOY FIRST UNDISTURBED NIGHT FOR NEARLY WEEK

Nazi Fire Bombers Launch Would-Be Terror Raids

LONDON, AUG. 30 (REUTER)—MOST LONDONERS ENJOYED THEIR FIRST UNDISTURBED NIGHT FOR NEARLY A WEEK LAST NIGHT, but raiders were reported to be over other areas and Nazi fire bombers launched a number of would-be terror raids in North-East and North-West England, as well as nuisance raids in the south-west.

Many incendiary bombs were dropped, and damage was done to property. Also a number of casualties were reported.

LONDON WAS NOT UNSCATCHED, TWO SCREAMING BOMBS DROPPING IN ONE RESIDENTIAL AREA.

One Midland town had the seventh raid in five days, which lasted several hours. No bombs were dropped and there was no anti-aircraft fire.

Elsewhere in the Midlands, incendiaries were dropped over a scattered area. Anti-aircraft guns kept up a continuous barrage and searchlights were active when enemy planes which crossed the north-east coast flew backwards and forwards at a great height over several towns.

A number of bombs which dropped in country districts was reported to have damaged water mains.

FULL FURY.

A north-west coastal district received the full fury of the Nazi bombers in a raid extending over several hours. There was a terrific duel between anti-aircraft guns and waves of enemy planes, which kept circling over a wide area, in relays.

A considerable number of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped and it is believed that there were a number of casualties, some fatal, in one area.

The greater part of the traffic was stopped, gas and water mains were broken and fires broke out at a number of points, but they were quickly controlled by fire brigades and auxiliary firemen.

GREAT HEIGHT.

The fighting over a south-east area today was at such a great height from the ground that watchers could get only an impression of what was going on above.

Enemy aircraft attempted to penetrate the defences in formations of 15, or 20, but they were broken up by anti-aircraft fire and fighters. At a time when half-a-dozen dogfights were in progress, the sirens sounded.

The attack came from several points and gunners seemed to be well on the mark, for the firing continued for some minutes before R. A. F. fighters appeared. Then followed the whine of engines as the fighters dived and mingled with the rattle of machine-guns and cannon fire.

WHITE TRAILS.

At times white trails of exhaust smoke curled in and out of the sky around patches of cloud.

Screaming Bombs Dropped By Raiders

HOUSES DAMAGED IN SOUTH WALES

LONDON, Aug. 30 (REUTER)—Nearly 200 German planes came over the south-east coast yesterday afternoon in waves. They penetrated inland at a great height but fled when engaged by fighters. They did not drop any bombs.

Enemy planes were also reported over a south-eastern England area last night and also over a north-east area and two south-western towns.

Two screaming bombs were dropped in London early yesterday morning and the explosions which followed caused a number of casualties in a residential district.

JAPANESE LEAVE HONGKONG

One hundred and eighty passengers left yesterday morning by the Japanese liner Kamakura Maru which sailed at 10 a.m.

There were 60 Japanese women, children and students among them. Other passengers were 80 Chinese and 40 foreigners.

WICKHAM STEED

Continued from Page 1 of 90 who said that she is determined to see this war through, but we all take the raids as in the day's work."

VERY SMALL DAMAGE. Mr. Steed said that it was not easy to understand what Herr Hitler might be after with his single night raids. The sum total of the damage done had been very small and if they formed part of the war of nerves, they were not likely to prove successful.

"One report makes us wonder whether everything is as pretty in the German garden as they would make us believe," declared Mr. Steed. German pilots had been in the habit of dropping bombs in the sea and in the open country in order to escape from our fighters, but latterly Herr Himmler, head of the German Gestapo, is reported to be putting one of his own men among every group of German gunners to see that the Germans do not drop bombs aimlessly.

"I myself do not attach much importance to this story. If our methods are not German methods, it does not follow that the Germans are not tough fighters. To my mind, the real question is whether these recent raids in the second phase of the battle are not test in the training of German pilots for night flying.

"Signor Mussolini has been explaining that the comparative mildness of Herr Hitler's raids on Britain is meant to give us a last chance to plead for peace. On this theory, the dropping of copies of Herr Hitler's speech recently must be taken as part of this peace offensive."

LONDON RAID ALARM

An air-raid alarm was sounded in London today.

The warning was followed by a violent battle over the south-east coast, which progressed for half-an-hour.

A Junkers machine was shot down by British fighters near a south-western town last night. One of the crew was killed and three injured.

One German raider after dropping bombs on a south-east area in England was shot down and two members of the crew were taken prisoner.

ON OPEN GROUND.

Other houses in the vicinity were not damaged. Three further explosions were heard and it is believed that the bombs fell on open ground.

In another district, planes roared across the sky too high to be seen. According to one account, there was occasionally a tremendous zoom, suggesting that some were dive-bombing, but no crash of bombs were heard.

Anti-aircraft guns gave the raiders in this area a tremendous reception.

At least six German planes were reported to have been shot down in this morning's raid.

HIT HIM HARDER. "The truth is that Herr Hitler has tried to hit us very hard indeed and has found that we can hit him harder. Last week I said that I thought he would go on hitting us and he has gone on and must go on. He must have something to show his own people before the autumn gales and winter snows check his operations against this country.

"And if he cannot do that, he will be obliged to lie on a scale that even they may not find convincing. When the German people discover that he has been lying, Herr Hitler will suffer a certain defeat in the field of psychology."

Mr. Steed went on to comment on the recent declarations which had been made by certain parts of the French colonial empire to carry on the war against Germany alongside Britain.

"A remarkable move for revolt against the Vichy Government has started," he said. "This has become apparent in Chad, the Cameroons, the French Congo and West Equatorial Africa. The movement had begun last Monday with a declaration from the Chad Government to the effect that the greatness of France demanded that Frenchmen should continue to fight on the side of Britain.

In response to that decision, Mr. Churchill had assured General De Gaulle that Britain would help the Chad Government and the other French colonies.

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INCENDIARIES DROPPED

LONDON, Aug. 30 (REUTER)—

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué states that in attacks by enemy aircraft during last night many bombs, especially the incendiary type, were dropped but a great majority did no damage.

In the north-west some damage was caused to houses and commercial property. Fires which broke out were soon brought under control.

In the north-east and the Midlands, many incendiary and some high explosive bombs were dropped but little damage was reported. Most of the bombs fell in fields.

In South Wales some houses were damaged. A few bombs were dropped on the outskirts of London and the adjoining districts and only slight damage was caused. In other regions bombs were dropped but did little damage.

The total casualties reported from all areas is small.

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LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions from The Liquidators of Messrs. Schmidt & Co. (in liquidation) and others

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PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Saturday, the 31st August, 1940
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Second Floor.

1 Leica Model IIIA with Summar F/2, Lenshood and Case

1 Leica Standard with Elmar F3.5, rangefinder, low speed and case

1 Hektor F6.3 2.8cm wide angle lens with viewfinder and lens hood

1 Hektor F10 7.3cm extra rapid lens

3 Enlargers

1 Remington Noiseless Portable Typewriter

1 Remington Typewriter

1 Mendelsohn Universal Photoflash Speed Gun

1 Incubator

2 Sterilizers

1 Petroleum Bath with 6 Resistances

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Surgical Instruments, Photographic Accessories and Chemicals, Cameras, Studio Lamps, Surgical Sutures, Electric Flexible Blade Fans, Toasters, Percolators, Irons, Waffle Irons and Stoves, Kerosene Stoves, PHILCO RADIO

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On View from Friday, the 30th August, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

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ST. ANDREW'S

(Church of England, Kowloon, Matins Broadcast)

The following are the forthcoming services etc. at St. Andrew's Church Kowloon.

Sunday, September 1st, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins and ad-

dress at 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar (The Rev. J. R. Higgs) (This service will be broadcast.)

Evening song and address at 7 p.m. Preacher: George She Esq. Diocesan Lay Reader. The Sunday Evening Club will be held as usual after Evensong.

WEEK DAY NOTICES

Monday, September 2nd. Medical War Working Party for China 10 a.m. Fellowship of Youth 6 p.m. St. Andrew's Club 9 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3rd. Intercession Service in connection with the war at 8 p.m. Leader: Mr. R. Baldwin St. Andrew's Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association Committee meeting will be held in the Vicarage at 8.45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 4th. St. Andrew's Rover Scout Crew meets at 11 Cumberland Road, Kowloon, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, September 5th. Medical War Working Party for China at 10 a.m. St. Andrew's Fellowship Committee meeting at 6.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Committee Meeting at 8.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club "Open" Night at 9 p.m.

Friday, September 6th. Jumble Sale in aid of General Church Funds at 8 p.m. Choir practice at 6.30 p.m.

Saturday, September 7th. St. Andrew's Club launch bathing picnic leaves the Police Pier at 3 p.m. All members and friends of the Club and the Church are invited to be present.

The rooms of the newly-formed St. Andrew's Fellowship are open every day from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

There is a writing room, a lounge, a Library and a games room. The tennis court is also available daily and St. Andrew's Club Tennis Courts at King's Park on alternate days.

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

MAYOR LA GUARDIA'S WAR ON THE "FILTH COLUMN"

Reports from Australia tell of the special share of honour reserved for the Commander, Captain J. A. Collins, in the festivities that marked the news of the success of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY in sinking the Italian warship BARTOLOMEO COLLEONI. While there was universal delight that the second SYDNEY had emulated her predecessor in destroying an enemy ship, there was special joy in the fact that it was in the charge of a native born captain.

Captain Collins, who was awarded the distinction of Commander of the Order of the Bath, is a native of Deloraine, Tasmania, and is a Catholic. He has had a distinguished naval career but is best remembered by his many friends in Australia for his school career. He is an old boy of the Christian Brothers' College, Victoria East, Melbourne, from which he won a naval scholarship.

As a boy he was described by one of his former masters as "An extremely quiet, gentlemanly little fellow, with no interest in the more violent forms of life." The present students of his old school sent Captain Collins a warm message of congratulation.

Another well-known Catholic with Australian connexions also figures in news about the navy, for John Farrow, a well-known Catholic writer and motion picture director and now a Lieutenant in the Canadian Navy, is on duty guarding the Canadian Atlantic coast.

He has temporarily given up writing and directing moving pictures, but is continuing work on his book, "History of the Fates." He started this just before "disappearing" from Hollywood recently, and reappearing in eastern Canada in a navy uniform.

Lieutenant Farrow, a native of Norfolk, England, lived in Australia before settling in Hollywood about 15 years ago. His first book, "Damien, the Leper," based on the life of Fr. Damien, Apostle to the Lepers of Molokai, was published last year. His Holiness Pope Pius XII decorated Lieutenant Farrow as a token of appreciation for the book.

Before becoming a director Lieutenant Farrow was a writer for motion pictures for many years. Within the past 18 months he has directed eight films and also wrote the scenarios himself or in collaboration with others.

CARDINAL DOUGHERTY

A few years ago, when on his way to Manila for the Eucharistic Congress, Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, visited Hongkong. He had been here more than once before, for he was formerly a Bishop in the Philippines. A few months ago, when he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, he was the recipient of a unique honour.

The non-Catholic negroes of Philadelphia, with their religious and civic leaders, arranged a special celebration, under the auspices of the negro Elks, in order to congratulate the Cardinal on the exemplary record he has shown as an outstanding friend of the negro race in America.

The Cardinal, in reply, stated frankly that no one could be considered a genuine son of the children of New York City.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East. Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital.

Preachers: Morning—Rev. E. Moreton Evening—Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Holy Communion, after the morning service. Morning Parade Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymn 660 Prayer, Hymn 514, First Lesson, Hymn 613, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 562, Sermon, Hymn 507, Benediction.

Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymn 12, Prayer, Hymn 705, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 475, Sermon, Hymn 341, Benediction.

NOTICES FOR WEEK

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at S & S Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at S & S Home on Tuesday 8.30 p.m.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

The Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute Hongkong Sunday next 16th Sunday after Trinity 8 a.m.

Holy Communion 8 p.m. Short Evening Service. Preacher: Rev. Cyril Brown, Notices Launch Picnic for Seafarers on Saturday 8 a.m.

and General Communion at 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day before and after Mass. On Saturday, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

CHURCH & GENERAL

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. A. P. Rose. 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. C. Strong, R.N.

WEEKDAYS

Holy Communion is celebrated on:—Thursday at 7.30 a.m. Friday at 7.45 a.m. (In Cantonese). Wednesday, Prayer for the Sick, at 10.15 a.m.

OTHER NOTICES

September 2nd, 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall. September 5th, 3.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, 5.30 p.m. Choir Practice, Cathedral.

PEAK CHURCH
(Church of England Services). 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

31 Macdonnell Road

Service on Sunday September 1st.

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches on September 1st, will be: "Christ Jesus."

The Golden Text will be: John 3: 17: "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Among others, the following citations will be read from the Bible: "and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying, Let your light so shine before men that they may see your Father which is in Heaven. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleaned." (Matthew 5:16, 8: 23.)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Jesus taught the way of life by demonstration, that we may understand how this divine Principle heals the sick, casts out error and triumphs over death... Implicit faith in the Teacher and all the emotional love we can bestow on him, will never alone make us imitators of him. We must go and do likewise; else we are not improving the great blessings which our Master worked and suffered to bestow upon us" (Science and Health, Page 13).

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday 8 p.m. A Reading Room is maintained in the Church Building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian literature is available at the Reading Room.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

CHRIST CHURCH

PARISH COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, Sept. 1, 15th Sunday after Trinity. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. The monthly parish breakfast will be after this service. A cordial welcome is extended to all communicants of Christ Church to join in this fellowship meal.

Letters are being sent to all regular communicants who are already known to the Vicar; others who are not already known are asked to take this opportunity to make themselves known.

N.B. There will not be a celebration of Holy Communion in Mandarin this day; communicants of the Mandarin congregation are asked to attend the English service and to come to breakfast afterwards.

9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher: the Vicar.

HYMNS—402. He who would valiant

be... (Tune Monks' Gate) 485.

Teach me, my God, and King... (Tune Sandy's) 395. God of Mercy, God of grace... (Tune Heathlands)

11 a.m. Morning Prayer in Mandarin. Preacher: Dr. T. T. Liu.

Preliminary Notice: His Majesty the King has asked that Sunday

RADIO PROGRAMMES

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TOMORROW

RELAY OF ORGAN RECITAL
BY A. N. TUCKER

Talks from Studio

11 a.m. Service from St. Andrew's Church.

12.15 p.m. Selections from Wagner's "Parisaf."

Prelude—Symphony Orchestra, Transformation Music—Act 1. Symphony Orchestra.

1.35 Vocal Selections from Famous Operas.

Pagliacci—"On With the Motley"—Martinetto, Lucia di Lammermoor—"The Mad Scene"—Toti dal Monte.

Barber of Seville—"I'm the Factotum"—Dennis Noble, L'Elixir d'Amour—"Down her Cheek Pearly Tear"—Caruso: Rigoletto—"Yes, She was taken from Me"—Caruso.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Albert Sandler, His Orchestra and Olive Groves.

The Fairies' Gavotte (Kohn): Rossini.

Service for Sunday (Potter): The Orchestra Looking for You (Sanderson): An Old Violin (Fisher): Olive Groves and Albert Sandler: Gipsy Melody (Knight): Soliloquy (Murray): The Orchestra Remembrance (Mehl): Grizinge (Sensatky):—Albert Sandler (Violin solo). Life is Nothing without Music (Hartley):—Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Cesar-Franck—Prelude, Chorale and Fugue—Alfred Cortot.

2.03 Brahms—Clarinet Quintet with B Minor—Reg. Kell (Clarinet) with the Buseck Quartet.

2.30 Close down.

7.00 A Short Piano Recital by Friedman.

Viennese Dances Nos. 2 and 6 (Gaertner): Mazurka Op. 33, No. 4 (Chopin): Invitation to the Dance (Weber).

7.20 Three Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Rokoko Love Song (Helmund): Had thou Known (Bruegman). Thine my Thoughts are, Margarita (Helmund).

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 Relay from St. John's Cathedral—An Organ Recital by A. N. Tucker.

1. Prelude in C Minor (3rd Sonata) (Gulmann); 2. Humoresque—Dvorak; 3. The Lost Chord—Sullivan; 4. Revere—Strauss; 5. Finlandia—Sibelius; 8.35 Violin Solos by Kreisler.

Thais—Meditation (Massenet); Tambourin Chinois (Kreisler).

8.45 Studio—The Thirteenth of a Series of Book Reviews.

8.55 Melody of the Waltz—The Bohemians.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.30 Studio—An Episode in the North Sea—A Talk by a Naval Officer.

9.45 Marek Weber's Orchestra.

Puccini—Popouri, Forest Idyll (Ebbinger); The Hermit (Schmalstich).

10.02 Excerpts from Handel's "Messiah."

Finance and Commerce

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The number and value of transactions recorded during the week do not make a very imposing array. At the close there are signs of buyers increasing their offers and this may lead to a loosening up of scrip.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK.

H.K. Banks, \$1230, \$1250. Providents, \$3.95, \$4, \$3.95. Lands, \$30. Lands X. Div., \$29. Tramways, \$154. China Lights (O), \$4.65. China Lights (N), \$3. Electrics (O), \$37.10, \$37.45, \$37.5. Electrics (N), \$35.90. Telephones (N), \$3. Ropes, \$3. Sandakan Lights, \$1. H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 95.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$125. Union Ins., \$370. Docks (O), \$15.50. Providents, \$3.90. Lands, \$29.25. Humphreys, \$6.75. Realties, \$3.10. Trams, \$15.50. Yaumati Ferries, \$21.50. China Lights (O), \$4.50. China Lights (N), \$3.55. Electrics (O), \$37.60. Telephones (O), \$22.25. Cements, \$15.25. Watsons, \$8.50.

SELLERS

China Underwriters, 10 Cts.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Aug. 30 (Reuters) — In the Stock Exchange the outstanding feature was the sharp rise in Guinness from 67s. 8d to 72s. 6d on a dividend for the year of 25 per cent. which was above expectations. Last year's dividend was 28 per cent.

Textiles were encouraged by satisfactory trade figures and shipbuilding shares also attracted. Otherwise the markets were quiet and price movements unimportant.

Wall Street was steady.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Friday, Aug. 30, 1940.

China Providents 500 \$ 3.90

H.K. Docks (O) 150 15.75

H.K. Electrics (N) 100 36.40

750

The total value is \$7,952.50.

H.K. Mines, 2 Cts.

Electrics (O), \$38.

Vibro Piling, \$8.

SALES

Docks (O), \$15.75.

Providents, \$3.90.

Trams, \$15.55.

China Lights (N), \$3.50.

Electrics (O), \$37.60.

Telephones (O), \$22.25.

Cements, \$15.25.

Watsons, \$8.50.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

PAYNE & CO.
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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

	Previous	August 29.	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER	Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S P O T	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 3/8	37 3/8	37 3/8	off 1/8
OCT.-DEC.	37 cts.	37 cts.	36 5/8	36 5/8	36 5/8	off 3/8
JAN.-MAR.	35 cts.	35 cts.	35 cts.	35 cts.	35 cts.	unch.

The market was easier but quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	buyers	buyers	Change
S P O T	12 1/4	12 1/4	unch.	unch.	
SEPTEMBER	12 1/4	12 1/4	unch.	unch.	
OCT.-DEC.	12 1/4	12 5/16	off 1/16	off 1/16	
JAN.-MAR.	11 7/8	11 7/8	unch.	unch.	
APRIL-JUNE	11 5/8	11 5/8	unch.	unch.	

The market was quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON: Mill demand has improved and offerings were on a slightly larger scale. The market showed resistance. Trade demand was stabilized for near shipments and we favour a constructive side.

NEW YORK RUBBER: The market is reflecting expectation of improved demand for stock and replacement purposes. There was some trade buying and scattered September liquidation was steadily absorbed.

CHICAGO WHEAT: There was some short covering and trade buying in anticipation of a tightening in the cash position.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close 126.87; Today's close 126.87; Change, unchange.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	Prev.	Today's	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Oct.	9.24	9.20	9.21	9.23	9.23	.02 up	
New York Rubber, Sept.	19.20	19.05	19.25	19.07b	18.07	.18 off	
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	72	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	.1 off	
Chicago Corn, Sept.	61 1/2	61	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	.1 off	
New York Hides, Sept.	9.06	8.93	8.95b	9.00	9.05 up		

Total sales Wednesday: 49,000 bales.

CHICAGO CORN

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
Oct. (New contract)	9.21/22	9.24/24	9.23/23	.02 up
December ()	9.18/18	9.19/20	9.18/18	unch.
January ()	9.08 N	unquoted	9.08n	unch.
March ()	9.02/02	9.03/04	9.04/04	.02 up
May ()	8.88/88	8.87/88	8.87/88	.01 up
July ()	8.84 N	8.86/66	8.86/66	.02 up
Spot	8.69 N	—	9.69n	unch.

Total sales: 2,360 tons.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

	September	December	January	March	May	July
September	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
December	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
January	—	—	—	—	—	—
March	—	—	—	—	—	—
May	—	—	—	—	—	—
July	—	—	—	—	—	—

Wednesday's sales: 16,983,000 bushels.

NEW YORK HIDES

	September	December	January	March	May	July
September	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
December	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
January	—	—	—	—	—	—
March	—	—	—	—	—	—
May	—	—	—	—	—	—
July	—	—	—	—	—	—

CHICAGO WHEAT

	October	December	January	March	May	July
October	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
December	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
January	—	—	—	—	—	—
March	—	—	—	—	—	—
May	—	—	—	—	—	—
July	—	—	—	—	—	—

NEW YORK RUBBER

	September	December	January	March	May	July
September	8.95b	8.97/9.01	9.00/00	.05 up		
December	9.13/13	9.18/16	9.11/12	.02 off		
January	—	—	—	—		
March	9.32/32	9.32b/38a	9.30/30	.02 off		

Total sales for the day: 201 contracts.

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KOWLOON F. C. HAD AN UNSUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL SEASON FINANCIALLY

CHINESE LODGE PROTEST

Japanese Seizure Of Wireless Sets

SHANGHAI, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—A protest over the recent seizure by the Japanese of wireless sets in the French Concession has been lodged with the French Embassy in Chungking by the Ministry of Communications of the Chinese Government, says the Sinwanpao.

The Chinese authorities point out that large quantities of radio equipment were entrusted to the care of the French Municipal authorities upon the withdrawal of the Chinese troops from Shanghai.

PRO-WANG AIRMAN ASSASSINATED

SHANGHAI, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—Tan Shih-Chang, a military airman formerly attached to Chungking's air arm, who recently flew to Nanking to join in the peace movement, has been assassinated in an outport while carrying out duties as an official of the new Nanking regime. It is revealed by a report published by the pro-Wang Ching-wei organ, "Central China Daily News."

In an order issued by the new regime, Wang Ching-wei eulogizes the airman but refrains from mentioning details regarding the assassination. He is admitted to have been shot and killed.

U.S. Marine Corps Commander

SHANGHAI, Aug. 30 (Reuter)—Lieut. Col. Donald C. Curtis has arrived here to assume command of the Second Battalion, U.S. Fourth Marine Corps.

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Joe Gibson Elected Hon. Life Member

It was revealed by Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., who presided at the annual general meeting of the Kowloon Football Club yesterday, that financially, the last football season was not a success, the gate receipts being \$2,000 below the previous year's income.

"This is partly due to the Kwong-Wah not sharing our ground," he said. "And to the fact that most of our matches against the Chinese were played at the end of the season when interest in the result is lacking."

By the unanimous vote of the meeting, Mr. Joe Gibson was elected an honorary Life Member as a mark of appreciation of his untiring services for the Club, and especially in connexion with the library which owes its existence to his initiative and enterprise.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Major C. M. Manners; Vice-President, B. D. Evans; Chairman, R. Hall; Bar Convenor, G. Labrum; Captain, W. Williamson; General Committee, A. L. G. Eastman, J. Smith, W. Simpson, C. Fuller, Wong Sik-cheong, and V. Chittenden.

Messrs. Thomson and Co. were appointed secretaries and treasurers.

This is an innovation and the President assured the meeting that the new appointment would not cost the Club any more than if they had an honorary secretary. Honorary fees of \$200 each to the retiring secretary and bar convenor were approved.

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GRIM DETAILS OF TAIPo TRAGEDY

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With much puffing and flourish, the crane would work its way up to the mass of fallen earth, lift up a few bucketfuls of earth, steam back about 40 or 50 yards on the line, and leisurely swing the earth into the sea.

At this rate of work, it was clearly evident to our representative that it would take at least another month to recover.

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RAILWAYS' JOKE!

Tragic as this may be, an amusing aspect of it is caused by the railway authorities requesting season ticket holders who live on sta-

tions beyond Taipo to purchase their tickets for next month.

To fully appreciate the farcical side of this request, one must be aware of the conditions under which the journey to any station beyond Sha-

tin is accomplished.

WATER PRESSURE

World conditions have been rendered more difficult by the occurrence of a spring whose water pressure is so great that a motor pump has had to be installed in order to pump out the water directly into the sea and prevent it from soaking into the fallen clay, thus making the task of clearance even harder.

One of the workmen, describing the second slide to our representative, said that he happened to be in the tunnel at the time. He suddenly heard a noise as of thunder and, before he could realise what had happened, he saw the greater number of his comrades bowled over and buried under a rushing avalanche of earth, which came down with such speed that it gave them no chance of escape.

Some of those who were only partly buried, were quickly hauled out into safety.

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